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1. THERE ARE NO DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION OR TREATMENT PROGRAMS
FOR AMERICANS IN HAITI KNOWN TO THIS POST. THE CLOSEST THING TO
ONE IS THE COUNSELING SERVICE FOR STUDENTS AT UNION SCHOOL, AN
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED BY MOST CHILDREN
OF RESIDENT AMCITS, INCLUDING CT DEPENDENTS. WHEN THE SCHOOL
COUNSELOR BELIEVES AN AMCIT PUPIL HAS A DRUG/MARIJUANA PROBLEM,
SHE ENCOURAGES THE PUPIL'S PARENTS TO ARRANGE FOR A TREATMENT
PROGRAM IN MIAMI.

2. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT LAST WEEK DEPT. OF HEALTH
OFFICIALS INSISTED THAT HAITI HAD NO DRUG PROBLEM,
COMMENTING THAT THE COUNTRY COULD NOT EVEN GET THE DRUGS IT
BADLY NEEDS. HOWEVER THESE OFFICIALS NOW ADMIT THAT THERE IS
SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF A DRUG PROBLEM AMONG THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH
THE MEDICAL PROFESSION ITSELF (HOSPITAL PERSONNEL, NURSES, PERHAPS
DOCTORS AND PHARMACISTS) THAT REGULATIONS ON SECURE STORAGE
OF ADDICTIVE DRUGS ARE BEING DRAFTED. THIS IS THIS POST'S FIRST
INDICATION THAT HAITI MAY FACE THE BEGINNINGS OF A DRUG AS WELL

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AS MARIJUANA PROBLEM, AT LEAST AMONG THE SMALL, FOREIGN-INFLUENCED

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